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AGGRESSIVE PROHIBITION BEFORE

The *Voice*, published at New York, national organ of the prohibition party, prints a long editorial on the national Iowa, in the course of which it admits that prohibition is not being enforced in the state, but claims that this failure to enforce it is largely due to the fact that there is no party distinctly pledged to its support. The democratic party of Iowa is openly against the law, the republican party will not attempt to enforce it through fear of losing the state and in this condition of affairs the prohibitionists of the state are urged to depend no longer on the republican party as an agent or instrument of their work, but to withdraw their support from it and combine upon a party avowedly for prohibition as its first and greatest principle. In another long editorial, advice of similar kind is given to the democrats of Georgia. They are urged to abandon the party with which they have hitherto associated and come out for prohibition through a party distinctly pledged to prohibition and its enforcement. The *Voice* avers that the liquor men of the country, alarmed by the progress of prohibition in Georgia, have requested the managers of the national democracy to manage and gradually suppress the prohibition movement in that state and throughout the South. It says "They have notified the national democratic leaders that such democrats as Colquitt and others in Georgia must be compelled to withdraw their favor from prohibition, and that they have served notice that they will be a disrupting party nationally responsible if the prohibitory laws are enforced in Georgia. This is no idle threat of the Northern liquor dealers, and the democratic managers know it." The *Voice* explains by saying further "However, the liquor dealers' attack on the democratic party is not to be made in Georgia. These men know where to strike to make their blows effective. The Georgia democratic managers wish to unite and keep congress democratic, they wish to elect a democratic president in 1888. The Northern liquor dealer has it who by in a position to defeat the democratic party in a national election as the parties are now organized. He holds the balance of power in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Virginia, and perhaps in several other states. The Northern liquor dealers have sent the notice to the democratic managers: Stop that prohibition craze in Georgia, or we will destroy you democratic majority in the house." These are among the signs that the liquor question may be a trouble to the democratic as well as to the republican party hereafter.

Discussing further the situation in Iowa, the *Voice* says it must be admitted that in spite of prohibition, the liquor business not only has not been suppressed in the cities and larger towns, but has actually increased. It takes note of a meeting held in Des Moines recently by mayors and aldermen of twenty-one cities, namely, Keokuk, Burlington, Davenport, Dubuque, Clinton, Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Des Moines, Ottumwa, Creston, Leone, Red Jacket, White Cheer, Iowa City, Oskaloosa, Fort Madison, Muscatine, Ottumwa, and Boone. A memorial was adopted setting forth that since July 1, 1884, "the number of places in our larger cities where intoxicating liquors are sold by the drink has largely increased * * * the county and state officials failing to enforce the prohibitory law and the municipal authorities being unable so to do." It was further shown at the meeting that the number of saloons in the cities named above before the prohibitory law went into effect was 715; the number now is 961. A bill was drawn up and adopted for submission to the legislature, which calls for an amendment to the law, exempting from its provisions all cities of over 4,000 inhabitants, and giving them the right to regulate, license or prohibit by ordinance the sale of malt, vinous and alcoholic liquors.

Between these facts, the *Voice* says plainly that "prohibition in Iowa is imminent jeopardy, and no one blinking that fact." What that paper deems as the only thing that can save prohibition in the state is a separate party pledged to enforce it. Taking Iowa and Georgia as representative states of the North and South in this issue, it says "The prohibitionists in Iowa must make up their mind to let the republican party die the prohibitionists in Georgia must make up their mind to let the liquor men slay the national democratic party."

H. W. ... ON COMPROMISE

Washington specials to eastern newspapers report that a number of prominent democratic representatives, including Speaker Carlisle, have frequently been in conference of late, for the purpose of devising some way to prevent a conflict between the president and majority on the silver question. There is said to be a general belief that unless some compromise is agreed upon between the extreme men on both sides of the question an acrimonious conflict with the administration is inevitable. I is said, however, that Speaker Carlisle, who has had several interviews with the president on the subject, finds the latter disposed to assent to some kind of compromise, and every possible effort is being made to bring this about. It is now generally understood, the correspondents say, that shortly after the convening of congress action for a joint caucus of the democratic senators and representatives will be issued for this purpose of adjusting, if matter if possible. Among the plans proposed is that it is to limit the coinage of silver to say $50,000,000, an then to leave it discretionary with the president whether that amount shall be increased other plans are proposed. One is to issue certificates of the denominations of one, two and five, base l either on bullion or coined dollars in the treasury. The idea of this compromise is to conciliate silver men and give them an opportunity of preserving their political status with their constituents. But this is extremely difficult subject to compromise upon. No doubt a compromise could be reached if there were questions of mighty importance, outside of this one, on which parties divided, but this itself is now the main question, and it is as "irrepressible" in its way as the slavery question was. Compromise is going to be a difficult thing between those who on the one hand are resolved to have no dollar but gold, and those who on the other profoundly believe that the opposition to silver is a scheme of the gold men to make money scarce and dear, so that prices and debtors may be kept under their own control.

H. W. ... MEDILL'S REPORT

The reply of Mr Medill of the *Chicago Tribune* to the speakers put forward to rebuke the newspapers, at a banquet given by the Chicago Commercial Club, was an excellent and effective specimen of the *tu quoque* argument. Representatives of the principal newspapers had been invited, and when all had eaten and were filled, a topic of discussion was proposed—"The Press—Its Power for Good and Evil—How Can we Promote the One and Discourage the Other."

The Chicago *Herald's* report says that "the club had selected two of its coughiest champions to jump upon the guests of the evening and give them a notable example of grace after meat." These champions "charged the press in the very teeth of certain of its conductors, their guests, with venality, sensationalism and nastiness." This brought Mr Medill to his feet. The speech he made is described as having been "so effective as to close the debate." He said

He was desirous of leading the public in the path of goodness and virtue, but as he grew older he found that the best newspapers were not in demand. He changed his paper to accord with the financial returns, and as some gentleman—perhaps even among those present—sold lard and butter as in place of butter or stock in railroads which might and might not ever pay dividends. There was a beautiful sentiment ruling many men who had never played with painters' ink and that sentiment was always towards the reformation of every body else and all other kinds of badness but their own. The same merchant who sold card board soles for dry goods man who painted his calico with poor colors, and the grocery man, who mixed his teas—all wanted to reform the other fellows. They obeyed the law of "public demand" in their business and denied the press the same right. Ideal newspapers had existed in the minds of men for centuries, and there alone did they exist to their graves were countless and the one that filled the great vault still appeared to remain to be established. Mr. Medill suggested that the great organ presented millions of dollars and if they were so dissatisfied with the existing condition of the newspapers there yet remained many graves which could be filled by dead newspapers.

Though this retort, as the Chicago *Herald* justly says, "somewhat lowers the tone of journalism," yet in the main it was what the occasion required. One of the speakers put forward to represent Chicago commerce and to rebuke the press, had unctuously exclaimed, 'Let us be moral!" It is evident that Medill's retort, though not acknowledging the moral responsibilities of journalism as it ought, was nevertheless, the sort of answer which those brethren needed. It held a mirror up to them, into which they never before had had the benefit of a peep. They mutually saw that the subject was of no further interest to them, and the speeches on the evening were closed. The effort of the grain, pork and stock jobbers of Chicago to "put the press on a higher moral plane"—so as to make it content itself with precepts and platitudes and leave "its sins and crimes"—including their own operations—alone, didn't yield the fruit that was expected.

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY

It is a significant thing that the first notable expression in congress by a democrat was an assault upon the principles and course of the administration in an important matter of public policy. And it is the more significant because the administration found no champion. This indicates that the president will not have the cordial support of his party in congress and that his wishes or recommendations will have no great weight in shaping legislation or party action. A correspondent writing to the Boston *American* of the democratic attitude at Washington says that "they feel that the president is very much more in need of their guidance than they of his," and concludes that "in estimating the probabilities of the winter it will not be well to reckon too much upon the influence of the president and his cabinet."

The same correspondent sees no signs of an open split, an aggressive warfare, but a sullen determinat on not to be led as the administration wishes, but to go their own way. That is the prospect before the president. He might as well argue with the wall as with the bulk of his nominal supporters. True, the democratic members are at the White house in troops every morning. But their only talk is of office. Most of them regard the president as simply a dispenser of patronage. Hear them talking at the capitol, or as they meet, and forbearance for what they consider his shortcomings is the text of their discourse. Even Mr Carlisle, who has it in his power to make up the committees in a way to advance the interests of the administration, and who appears to be the friend of the president in most things, has promised to leave Mr Bland at the head of the coinage committee.

This situation, while it will be most awkward for the president, will be in line with the republican habit of the past few years. During the last two administrations the republicans in congress paid scarcely any attention at all to advice from the White house unless it happened to meet their own ideas. Messages from Hayes or Arthur were listened to with scant respect and Cleveland it would seem is going to meet with the same lack of consideration.

It is not in the nature of the democratic party to take any other course than that indicated in the few days of the present session of congress. Nobody has expected anything else. Its leaders consider the president as nothing "their man" to be used as an instrument for the distribution of patronage. They care little for principles of government, in fact in a little of them. Their talk chiefly of the offices, exposes their real interest. Cleveland is not a man to bank Iowa when he has once taken a stand, and we may expect from now on to the end of his administration a steadily widening breach between the president and his party. Whether or not this difference will lead to an unfriendly antagonism is now simply a matter of conjecture.

THE MATTER OF PUBLICATION

The state printer thinks himself badly used by a paragraph which appeared in this paper last week and in a letter to the editor he explains the cause, or some of them, for the delay in the matter of the "session laws" of the regular legislative session of last year. Although his letter was not written for publication, we think it right to present Mr Baer's case as he makes it himself. He says

You will recollect that a resolution was passed during the last regular session making it the duty of the secretary of state to furnish the state printer with certified copies of the laws and journals in copy for the compositors and you can easily see how much valuable time is wasted waiting for the copy to come in piecemeal. Only eighty days were allowed the last session, and yet the work was finished and the first 50 placed in the secretary's hands June 24—a few copies prior to that date. This is only *nine months* and four days from the date of adjournment. * * * I do not furnish the copy nor make the indexes (which generally takes considerable time) nor do I do the binding. These are all very important divisions of the public printing that consume much of the time of the state work and over which I have no control.

N. B. The Oregonian had no wish to find fault with the state printer nor with anybody else, only to call attention to a delay which we are sure was needless. The delay of sixty days in the office of the secretary of state is entirely without excuse. One week was quite time enough for the official transcript of the acts, particularly as most of them were already printed and only needed to be compared with the enrolled laws and certified. And certainly if the laws were in the hands of the secretary of state on the 4th of June there was no need for their distribution to have been delayed until three or four months later. The courts, the attorneys and the public were put to an end of inconvenience and embarrassment last year for want of copies of the laws and *somebody* was to blame. Publication" includes printing and distribution and at the end of the ninety days succeeding adjournment the session laws should have been in the hands of those charged with the duty of enforcing them. Ninety days, the period fixed by the constitution, was quite enough. We trust that the work of getting out the acts of the late special session may be so expedited that there will be no interval between the authority of the old laws and the existence, in available form of those which supersede them.

The territorial legislature has adopted a memorial to congress praying an appropriation of $2000 to clear drift and other obstructions from the south fork of Lewis river above La Center. The memorial sets forth the following well known facts: That the stream could easily be made navigable for light-draught steamboats that it is the natural outlet for a large and growing country, that if it were opened to navigation there would be a great increase of settlement that it will lead to the development of the large mineral deposits in the mountains east of Lewis river, etc. That can be no doubt that the opening of the river would be a great public benefit. And as it is one in which Oregon would share, our representatives at Washington should feel a direct as well as a neighborly interest in helping to get the fund desired. The amount asked for is small, and if the case is properly urged there ought to be no difficulty about getting the money.

The proceedings of congress are bringing out much murmuring dissatisfaction in most emphatic style. "Democratic hypocrisy" is now a very common head line in the independent press, such paragraphs like the following from the Boston *Advertiser*, relating to the democratic attitude in congress of opposition to the president) show the way the wind blows: "Is this an indication of the policy by which the democratic party proposes to recommend itself to the confidence of the conservative and business interests of the country? What chance of carrying the next election will a party have which exhibits an eagerness to demonstrate that a president, such as Grover Cleveland is disposed to be, does not fairly represent its motives and purposes." The folly was in ever thinking that the democratic party had motives and purposes in harmony with reform ideas.

Never perhaps in the history of politics nor of any great public movement was there a partnership of elements so entirely dissimilar and naturally antagonistic as that between the independent republicans and democrats. They were in direct opposition to each other on all questions of principle, in all their purposes, in all their methods. How the independents ever came to believe that there was any hope of bringing the democratic party into better ways of thinking and of conduct, is a thing positively unaccountable. Such an alliance, of course, could not exist for any length of time. It is now practically at an end, although the independents from pride and the democrats from hope of future profit try, in a weak sort of way, to keep up the delusion that still there is harmony. But harmonious connection between such elements is a thing out of the question.

The New Year's number of the Port Townsend *Argus* is a paper of great excellence. Its fifty-six columns are devoted almost wholly to reading matter about Puget sound in general and Port Townsend in particular, to which is added a general record of the past year. The paper furnishes a great deal of information about the country of interest at home as well as abroad. In doing so much the *Argus* has done extremely well.

Pittsburg has offered a loan on the market for the purpose of funding her municipal debt. She has received bids for $16,000,000, at 4 per cent, all above par but two. This seems to show that the financial world is quite ready to loan at 4 per cent on a first-class municipal security, and to pay something for the privilege. It is not unlikely that Portland's water bonds could be placed at this rate of interest.

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PUGET SOUND EXPORTS

Port Townsend Argus.

More cargoes of lumber, coal and wheat were exported from Puget sound in 1885 than in any one year previous. The total number of shipments is 552. The aggregate tonnage engaged was 456,134 tons, distributed among the following ports:

PORTS	TONNAGE
Seattle	100,088
Tacoma	97,911
Port Blakeley	74,300
Port Gamble	44,168
Port Discovery	38,887
Seabeck	26,586
Port Ludlow	24,041
Utsalady	21,451
Port Madison	18,800
Total	456,134

There were 110 lumber cargoes sent to foreign ports, 135 coal cargoes sent from Tacoma and Seattle to San Francisco and Portland, and 340 lumber cargoes to domestic ports.

There were 40 cargoes of lumber sent in vessels of foreign nationalities, in tonnage amounting to 76,160 tons. Of these, 11 were British, 5 Chilian, 5 Hawaiian, 5 Norwegian, 4 German, 1 Italian, 1 French and 1 Bolivian.

The lumber taken in American and foreign vessels to foreign ports was 24,000,000 feet, valued at $1,079,000. The freight money received for transportation averaged $10 per thousand feet, amounting to $380,000.

The lumber carried in American vessels to coastwise ports was 150,000,000 feet, valued at $4,500,000. The freight money received for transportation averaged $5 per thousand feet, amounting to $750,000.

There were 135 cargoes of coal sent in American vessels from Seattle and Tacoma to San Francisco and Portland, amounting to 338,436 tons, valued at $3,043,720. The freight money received for transportation was $1 50 per ton, and amounted to $507,654. The tonnage employed in the coal carrying trade was 93,000 tons.

The tonnage engaged in carrying lumber coastwise was 114,000 tons.

The American tonnage engaged in carrying lumber to foreign ports was 31,000 tons.

The total tonnage engaged in carrying lumber and coal was 516,000.

Two vessels carried wheat cargoes to Europe valued at $150,000. Their combined tonnage was 8 tons.

The total tonnage engaged as above was 547 vessels. An additional amount of tonnage was engaged daily, Sundays excepted, between Sound ports and British Columbia, Oregon ports and Hawaii, making a grand total of 800 vessels and 800 shipments from Puget Sound to foreign and coastwise ports.

Large shipments of oats and other produce of the surrounding country has been made by steamers from Seattle to San Francisco, valued at $400,000. Small quantities of salmon have been shipped in lumber vessels to foreign ports, valued at $30,000.

RECAPITULATION OF VALUES.

Lumber to foreign ports	$1,079,000
Lumber coastwise	2,940,000
Lumber freights foreign	380,000
Lumber freights coastwise	750,000
Coal coastwise	1,317,000
Coal freights	507,654
Wheat	10,000
Produce of all kinds	1,000,000
Sails on	10,000
Total	$8,943,000

Heretofore vessels that engaged in carrying coal and lumber were of a medium class. The finest ships received the highest freight money for carrying a cargo of wheat and other perishable goods, while the poorer class of vessels were considered good enough to carry lumber and coal cargoes. During the past year, however, the scarcity of wheat charters has brought to our ports some of the finest ships afloat, both American and foreign, and when employment has been refused them in all ports on the Pacific coast, their owners were glad to have their vessels obtain charters on the Sound. Not one vessel has laid up for want of employment a day or two after arrival at Port Townsend or at Royal Roads. A charter is always given either by the mill companies or their agents stationed at Port Townsend.

BLAIR EDUCATIONAL BILL

Washington Special, Sept 28

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—If Senator Blair of New Hampshire made a good reputation throughout the country in the last congress by championing his popular education bill he bids fair this congress to increase that reputation tenfold worth. His bill it is generally thought will become a law within the next twelve months, and since it affects directly or indirectly almost every family in the land, it is to be hoped that every personal interest to every one. Although the provisions of the measure are known to close readers of the daily press it will be well for every one to read it again. The bill appropriates for the first year after it comes into effect $ 000 000 the second year $10 000 000 third year $ 000 000 fourth year $15 000 000 fifth year $20 000 000 and the year $5,000 000—the aggregate $ 000 000 which is to be expended in common school education in the children between the United States, including Alaska, New Mexico, Arizona, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Washington and Colorado.

MEETING NOTICE.

Willamette Lodge No 2 A F & A M—The Willamette Lodge No 2 A F & A M—The regular communication this Monday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work in the E. F. degree. All Master Masons cordially invited. By order of W. M. H. HIRSCH, Secretary.

NEW TO-DAY.

NEW PIANOS FOR RENT AT KOHLER & CHASE'S, 136 First st.

WANTED—GIRL TO WASH AND IRON. Apply at 1 Eighth st.

$2500 TO LOAN ON IMPROVED CITY real estate. Address B, Oregonian office.

JOSEPH MYERS HOUSE IS THE ONLY and Cheap Stop on the block. A Pharmacy for rent.

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MALTESE POODLE DOGS FOR SALE—SIGHT dogs, three months old. Inquire at 84 Front st, under the hill.

PILLAMOK BUTTER—OLDEST AND PUREST for family use. Try it. Sold only by G. CROSS & BRO, 240 Front st.

EXTRA COLORED CROSSMAN SIDES LAY cut shades at $5 50 Black, Slip Brogs, Veal cut shades at $6 50 Black, Slip Brogs, Veal cut shades at $7 50 Black, Slip Brogs, Veal cut shades at $8 50 Black, Slip Brogs, Veal cut shades at

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The Oregonian.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND Jan 3—6 10 P M

Place of Observation.	Bar	Thr	Wind	Weather	Rain-fall in inches	Rain-fall in the last 24 hours
Portland	30 32	—09	S	Cloudy	03	Rain
Olympia	30 28	—05	SE	Calm	00	Clear
Roseburg	30 31	—0	41	N	00	Clear
Red Bluff	30 34	—05	15	Calm	00	Clear
Fort Canby	30 53		4	N	00	Clear
Walla Walla	30 20	—09	4	NE	0	Rain
Mt. Tabor	30 07	—08	4	S	10	Hyrn
Tacoma	30 36	—01	4	W	00	Clear
Umatilla			23	NW	00	Cldy
Walla Walla						

Where no temperature observation is given the thermometer is not read at that station.

AUCTION SALE TO-DAY.

At 10 o'clock A. M., at 61 Alder st., furniture, etc.

PASSENGERS FOR PORTLAND

SAN FRANCISCO Jan. 4.—The steamship Columbia sailed today for Portland with the following passengers:

WH Wilkes,	I D Higbee
G C Smith,	Mr McCormick
G S Hubbell	W R Marion
J Mansfield	Miss Carpenter
H L Shideler	C W Simmons
Miss B Dunsmuir	Miss F Smith
Robert Dyer	H J Forrester
W A Avery	C W Isaacs
James Lotan	J W Howell
R Frankhan	J M Lane
Mr Dickson, wife & child	J R Sanford & wife
Phil Bowen	H Flint
Mrs Dunne	Miss J W Rose
Miss F S Northrup	W Currier
Miss P S Northrup	T A Turner
W Hooks	M A Moody
H E Hahn	Mrs W T A Orchard
J Holmes	W Hodges
P E Northrup	Miss R D Peck
Mrs O W Symons	C P Goodrich
Jas W Pilsner	O Greenhood
A Goldberg	Samuel Logan
W J Colbert	J W Blewett
J F Watson	F Wilman & wife
H Frank	Mrs F M Hall
Mrs Wilmon	Mrs H Wilson
Miss M Fox	O Williams
W Timms	
A P Hotaling	

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Passed Heron to arrive over the Northern Pacific—C W Stetson J B White J J Byrne, A Ellis, and eighteen emigrants.

Passed Huntington to arrive over the Short Line—Peter Sells, J P Wilson Allie T Allen and eighteen emigrants.

Passed Hawley, one; seventeen emigrants.

Passed Medford to arrive over the Oregon & California—C A Tuckey Z L Orcutt.

THE HOTELS.

OCCIDENTAL.

P Hamilton, San Fran	G W Ross New Era
A Selig, do	N Jackson & wf Hillsb
W W Growder Ohio	J H Shumbal Yreka
Peter Amity	J R Porter Forest Gr
W L Hosk, Roseburg	G W Dixon, Vancouver
J Folm, San Fran	A Quigley do
W Barker Case Locks	P Quigley do
J G Hood Pitters	J Gorman Salem
L J Bickley, Harrisburg	J Mooney Vancouver
C S Brandenburg, do	P Martin do
J Brown Oregon City	J Behrens Woodland
J B Emery Astoria	O Dodd Dalles
J F Lane, Roseburg	J Riordon Mock's Ldg
J Hart Vancouver	B J Brown San Fran
W Rowe, Panama	J Martin, do
W Crawford Salem	M M Cain New York
W Glisse, do	M Ring Ft Cincinnati
W G Smith do	T Quilney Bradbury
Mr & J Kennedy Olympia	C Bullard Vancouver
R Engelman Walla Wal	J Hogan do
J F Hill St Johns	W Cranmore Salem
J Brown, California	M Collins do
J Cooke, San Fran	R M Dike do

INTERNATIONAL.

J Hanford Or City	E Moiville, The Dalles
Miss Pearson Chicago	J Bell, do
P Hinman Minn	F J Smith, do
John Hansonsdale	George Lowry do
A H Hanson do	W J Howell do
F E Sullivan, Alaska	G F Cooley Baker City
F Pfaff, do	W Cooley do
R Bogart, Umatilla	T B Boyers, Walla Walla
W Irby, do	J W Butler do
H White Idaho	T Lee or Carl Toll do
J L Child Neb	J W Taylor The Dalles
John Peterson Mot and	E Kelly, do
W Bepes do	H Dixon & son San
Benj Woods do	John Hand do
W Dailey Oak Point	J Beckett do
Takuma, Forest Grove	J H Mitchell do
Dan Brady do	John Bell do
Thos Connors Mill	J Le Sage do
John Anderson do	

ST CHARLES.

F H Rowe Idaho	H H Canyon City
J R Sweet of Helena	Mrs W F Hunt Baker C
D D Graham Corvallis	S W Ross Scottsburg
D A Chapman Scappoose	H I Smith, Seattle
C Mickle St Helens	E F Mitchell do
Mathews San Juan	W D R Thomas Moscow
Mrs F Ervin Union	W H Reynolds N Tacoma
Wendine Cas Mills	W D Lord Dalles
J M Skelly do	N L Dale Mt Helena
J H Chmars, Salem	P D Mc Glin Woodburn
G Franklin San Fran	C Gibson Omaha
Mrs A Gibson Spokane	H M Chase, Walla W
W H Downing Pt Towns	I C Smith & wf Lake
T Welsh, do	W H Arnold, do

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E O Crisp Salem	P H Dunson & wf City
Blakie Tacoma	F Talbot Seattle
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J Wilton Oswego	J Mann Detroit
A Bryan, Nanaimo	B Bennett Lafine
Thos Talbot, Seattle	J F Stearns, Greenville
F Crockett, do	H Fawcett New York
G M Frear, Dalles	B F Jones Seattle
A Lowstock, do	H Bamm, Salem

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A W McPherson, Chicago	O N Hall San Francisco
J French, Alaska	A J McCoy Seattle
R Y Bunn & wf, Oak Pt	B Davis Chicago
E Mathison, St Louis	M Samuels do
F McGauley St Helens	S Simond Syracuse N Y
T O Gentry, Salem	D H Rose, Victoria
F Johnson, Seattle	S B Hughes do
B Beebe do	J F Foster Prineville
Capt Watkins, 3d County	Capt Jones Bark Alumne
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BRASS BAND AND MUSIC DEALERS.

As I am giving up the music business I offer the following instruments at a sacrifice: Eb and Bb Cornets, 1 Bello Alto, 1 Tenore, Baritone, 4 Flats, 1 Piccolo, 1 nickel Snare Drum, 1 pr Cymbals Clarionets, 2 Double Basses, 1 Cellos Flutes etc. Correspondence solicited. SIMON HARRIS 6 Pierce st

WHY SMOKE CABBAGE LEAVES?

Buy genuine Tansills Punch 5c cigars from Hummel & Byers druggists First and Main

The advantages of advertising are strikingly illustrated in the offer made in another column by Mr. S. M. Smith to the Boston advertising agent, for one insertion of an advertisement in one publication for $2000. This is probably the largest order ever given for one insertion of an advertisement, and shows the extent to which advertising is done by those who appreciate its benefits.

NOTICE.—On account of the rush of work and so many parties failing to have portraits made by Trune & Moore at the reduced rates offered before Christmas, the same price will be continued two weeks longer.

Alex Joslin's diamonds are the envy of all who see them. He has something really gorgeous. Just glance at the diamonds in the window of Uncle Myers, 86 First street. Diamond rings, studs, earrings or pins for $10 to $1000.

SUBSCRIPTIONS—Taken for all newspapers and magazines. C. H. Wilcox, newsdealer 1st and Oak.

CENTURY and YOUNG LADIES' JOURNAL for January at Edward Dekum & Co's, 49 Washington.

Novelties in Brass, Plaques and ornaments just received by Sanborn Vail & Co. 172 First street.

A fine line of goods for Xmas at Sanborn Vail & Co's, 172 First street.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Prentice's Music Store.

Wanted to Rent—Grocers.

Rowing boats for rent. Waukeogan Boat House.

J. P. Bergen's Sewing Machine Office 301 Morrison street.

Gold saved in sale this Christmas Carnival at Ehrman Bros., Gallus.

Don't forget to buy your Holiday Goods at Child & Co.'s, cor. Second Morrison.

Wooden Ware opening here. George M. Parker 151 Fifth street. Trade supplied.

Ladies, if you wish to look nice at Christmas parties, get a bottle of Child's Shoeshine.

Norton Air Door Springs always keep your doors closed. Prices reduced at Dayton & Hall's.

Tablecloths at all kinds at the lowest figures at Children Bros. store cor. Second and Morrison. Come and see.

Gordon Kidney Pad, Nature's own true remedy. Gordon Kidney Tea cures all kidney diseases.

A box of Pappoose Cigars would make a nice Christmas present for your gentleman friends. Joh. A. Child & Co., Agents.

A FINE DISPLAY.—Large shipments direct from Russia, Domestic, White and American Wool Blankets, just received at Harrison & Swinn's, 41 Sixth street, where all the latest novelties can be found on exhibition to select from—the finest display ever made in Oregon—at 167 Third.

THE VIENNA COFFEE HOUSE, 98 Washington st., leads all. Oysters in every style.

Advice to Mothers.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. 25 cts a bottle.

Nervous Debilitated Men

Can now afford the free trial of thirty days of the use of Dr. Dye's Celebrated Voltaic Belt with Electric Suspensory Appliances, for the speedy relief and permanent cure of Nervous Debility, Loss of Vitality and kindred troubles. Also for many other diseases. Complete restoration to health, vigor and manhood guaranteed. No risk is incurred. Illustrated pamphlet with information, terms, etc., mailed free by addressing Voltaic Belt Co. Marshall, Mich.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CARRIER VALUABLE TO THE STATE.—A bulletin has been issued from the Agricultural Experiment station of the University of California in regard to the distribution of plants and seeds of probable economic value. The object of the distribution is to test the adaptation of the plants and the qualities as possible. The list includes attempts at such crops as have been grown in the vicinity of the farm, as well as those which are less familiar to the people. Among the plants which it is the intention to experiment with are the following: Tea, Arrowroot, Chinese and Japanese rice, Egyptian cotton, Sea Island cotton, Upland cotton, Peruvian cotton, Tree cotton, Jute, Ramie, Sisal hemp, Manila hemp, New Zealand flax, Esparto grass, Sugar cane, Sugar beet, Sorghum, Kaffir corn, Broom corn, Tobacco, Indigo, Cassava, Tapioca, Yams, Sweet potatoes, Peanuts, Pineapples, Bananas, Guavas, Olives, Figs, Pomegranates, Date palms, Cocoanut palms, Sapodilla, Custard apple, Alligator pear, Mango, Papaya, Avocado pear, Rose apple, Mangosteen, Durian, Jack fruit, Bread fruit, Litchi, Longan, Rambutan, Pulasan, Mamey, Sapote, Cherimoyer, Sour sop, Sweet sop, Granadilla, Pomegranate, Tree tomato, Pepino, Pomelo, Shaddock, Kumquat, Loquat, Japan persimmon, Japan plum, Japan medlar, Japan quince, Japan walnut, Japan chestnut, Pecan, Pistachio, Almond, Filbert, Cashew, Pine nut, Brazil nut, Macadamia nut, Candle nut, Kola nut, Betel nut, Areca nut, Gum arabic, Gum tragacanth, Gum kino, Gum dragon, Gum myrrh, Gum benzoin, Gum copal, Gum elemi, Gum mastic, Gum sandarac, Gum shellac, Gum Senegal, Gum Kordofan, Gum Soudan, Gum Zanzibar, Gum Angola, Gum Benguela, Gum Mozambique, Gum Natal, Gum Transvaal, Gum Damara, Gum Cape, Gum Australia, Gum Tasmania, Gum New Zealand, Gum Fiji, Gum Borneo, Gum Java, Gum Sumatra, Gum Siam, Gum Burmah, Gum Assam, Gum Persia, Gum Arabia, Gum Egypt, Gum Algeria, Gum Morocco, Gum Abyssinia, Gum Guinea, Gum Liberia, Gum Sierra Leone, Gum Gambia, Gum Senegambia, Gum Mexico, Gum Guatemala, Gum Honduras, Gum Nicaragua, Gum Costa Rica, Gum Panama, Gum Colombia, Gum Venezuela, Gum Guiana, Gum Brazil, Gum Chile, Gum Peru, Gum Ecuador, Gum Bolivia, Gum Paraguay, Gum Uruguay, Gum Argentina, Gum Patagonia, Gum Falkland Islands, Gum Tierra del Fuego, Gum Cape Horn, Gum Alaska, Gum British Columbia, Gum Washington Territory, Gum Oregon, Gum California, Gum Nevada, Gum Utah, Gum Colorado, Gum New Mexico, Gum Arizona, Gum Texas, Gum Louisiana, Gum Mississippi, Gum Alabama, Gum Florida, Gum Georgia, Gum South Carolina, Gum North Carolina, Gum Virginia, Gum West Virginia, Gum Kentucky, Gum Tennessee, Gum Missouri, Gum Arkansas, Gum Indian Territory, Gum Kansas, Gum Nebraska, Gum Dakota, Gum Minnesota, Gum Iowa, Gum Wisconsin, Gum Illinois, Gum Michigan, Gum Indiana, Gum Ohio, Gum Pennsylvania, Gum New York, Gum Vermont, Gum New Hampshire, Gum Maine, Gum Massachusetts, Gum Rhode Island, Gum Connecticut, Gum New Jersey, Gum Delaware, Gum Maryland, Gum District of Columbia, Gum Virginia, Gum North Carolina, Gum South Carolina, Gum Georgia, Gum Florida, Gum Alabama, Gum Mississippi, Gum Louisiana, Gum Texas, Gum Arkansas, Gum Missouri

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

OREGON.

Ashland owns about $1000.

Medford will have a new Presbyterian church soon.

The Rogue river distillery will resume operations in a few days.

The Dalles is to have a savings bank and another national bank in the spring.

Extra trains are running on the Oregon Pacific between Corvallis and Yaquina to carry wheat.

The real estate sales in Linn county during 1885 as nearly as can be ascertained were about $634,000.

There will be a grand rally of the Indian war veterans of Douglas county, Oregon at Roseburg, on January 8th.

Linkville has been without mails for several days in succession recently, on account of muddy roads.

A district with forty school children has been organized in Bonnell valley, and a residence has donated an acre of land for a school house.

The Ashland woolen mills are taking a rest while a new 17-inch turbine wheel of improved pattern is being put in, to replace the old 25-inch wheel.

From Fort Stevens it is reported that the end of the breakwater presents a very different appearance now from what it did at the close of the work in November, '85.

Two forty-dazy petitions, praying for the re establishment of the mail service on the routes between Jacksonville and Wright's and Wilder ville, have been forwarded to Washington.

Frank Dowell, mate of the Coos Bay, was drowned at Coos Bay on the morning of the 25th ult., while engaged at his labors. The body was found floating in the bay last Monday and buried the following day.

R. C. Martin, of Brownsville, has been arrested charged with disturbing the peace and threatening the lives of his family. He was placed under $500 bonds to keep the peace and to appear at the next term of court.

Dallas *Hemlock*: The roundhouse which is being erected at Airlie for the narrow gauge is nearly finished. It is 60 feet long and is a "long felt want," as heretofore no covering was had for the engines but the canopy of the heavens.

Many new settlers are reported in Langell valley, Klamath county, and there are said to be several cases of land jumping inside of fences which have been run across government lands. A number of swamp land contests are on the tapis there.

Lafayette people are rejoicing over the fact that work has been begun on the Dundee extension of the narrow gauge. Naturally enough they are building great hopes from its completion, which will mean a daily train from that place to Portland.

Edw Bates, of Linkville, who had his arm crushed by the upsetting of the stage between Ireka and Lake Hill last fall, was obliged to have the injured member amputated at the shoulder a few weeks ago. The operation was performed at Ireka.

A little child of T. Smith, of Greenville, Washington county, was severely scalded the other day by boiling water upset from a stove. Its life was despaired of at last accounts. Dr. L. D. Winters of the same place is in a critical condition from being in charge of the lungs.

Marshfield *Mail*: In coming down Coos river last Tuesday, mowing a snow load of hay for Simmons, the steamer Coos struck a snag and knocked a hole in her hull that made it necessary to run her ashore at Al. Smith's place, near the mouth of the river, where her hull was submerged at high tide.

A widow named Mrs Belnap who has five children, now has been in poor health for a long time past, died near Lebanon last Friday. Two of the children are employed in the woolen mills at Brownsville. This is the second family of children left orphans in that neighborhood within a few months.

Jacksonville *Times*: The merchants of Jacksonville did a much better business during the past fortnight than they did during the same time last year, notwithstanding the hard times. How it is in Oregon can say as much. It is an evident fact that this place is holding its own, to say the very least.

Col Bannister, U. S. inspector of Indian agencies, made the Klamath and Yainax reservations an official visit recently, and expressed himself as well pleased with their management. As the Klamath Indians are inclined to work, he will recommend that additional facilities for agricultural development be furnished them by the government.

Mrs J. W. Hardison died a few days ago at Independence December 23. Several years she has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs M. J. Locke, of this city. Mrs Hardison was the widow of the late W. Hardison, of Polk county. The Hardison family were among the early pioneers of the county, having emigrated to Oregon in the year 1844.

Jacksonville *Times*: Grant's Pass henceforth is a full fledged county seat, the people of those mountain county having decided at the polls last June to transact their public business there after January 1 1886. The county records are being removed from Kerbyville and will soon take place in the building erected for them at Abraham's addition to Grant's Pass.

Protect the Birds.

Jacksonville Times

The game law prohibits the shooting of grouse, quail or pheasants after January 1, and protects them until July 15. The party who introduced this law probably meant well enough, but he must have been totally ignorant of the habits of the birds. In July, August and part of September numbers of the young quail are still unfledged, and the killing of the old bird would mean death to them. In January and February the birds are in fine order, able to take care of themselves, and afford good sport to the hunter. They do not pair until spring, and need no protection up to that time. As the law stands now it gives, comparatively speaking, no protection to the young birds.

Nearly Drowned

Dallas Observer

Last Sunday Mac Reed, of Salem, brother of Tom Reed, accompanied by his 10-year old brother, started to cross the La Creole a short distance below Chas McDonald's factory and came near losing his team. It seems that when he reached the creek one of the horses which is blind in one eye, stumbled into a mill washout and caused the team to make a few lunges down the stream and lodged the end of the hack tongue against a stump. The water was so deep that the horses had their bodies submerged so that the hack fell sideways and were not able to keep their heads above water. During the time Mr Reed was rescuing his little brother from his dangerous position in the hack. After so needing in this he cut the breast straps of the horses, freeing them, when they floated off a short distance down the stream, regaining the bottom with their feet. But the other was far gone that, with the help of the swift current, he was obliged to roll it on to a gravel bar. It was a narrow escape for both man and horses. It is customary to cross the creek at this point during low water, but it is dangerous now.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY

Considerable pork is being packed in Spokane Falls now.

Snake river freight boats have tied off for the winter. The Almota still makes regular trips between Lapwai and Lewiston.

The Spokane Falls photofiles is the fourth in the territory, being ed ded by Seattle, Tacoma and Walla Walla. The Argus thinks it will rank higher up stream.

Vessels laying at sound ports from San Francisco and southern ports are making splendid passages. Those fortunate enough to man with vessels off the capes and right up the head of the sound.

The will of Fulton Kennedy, of Spring Island, a party of the wreck of the Pelican, John Ball, a negro, gets a ranch worth $5000 and stock worth of horses and cattle is bequeathed to the Sisters of Charity of Port Colville.

It is reported that the Washington Improvement company will at once cut a canal between lakes Washington and Union large enough to run logs through. It will afterwards be deepened and widened sufficiently to admit the passage of light draft steamers.

The store of Mr Byron Miller on the corner of East 'I' and Puyallup streets, Tacoma, was burned on the night of January 1. The building was a one story wooden structure and the loss on building and goods was $1000, insured for $2,500. Nothing is known as to the fire's origin.

Walla Walla *Union*: On Tuesday afternoon as Mrs. A. Crittenden and Mrs Beaven were starting from the residence of Sheriff Bowles, at the lower end of the city, in a buggy, the horse stampeded and partially fell on a walk, breaking one of the hind legs from it. Mrs. Crittenden's hand was caught in the buggy and broken. At the time she felt the wrench and tightened, causing the animal to make a short turn cramping the buggy in such a manner as to throw both ladies to the ground, Mrs Crittenden sustaining a fracture of the bones of the left arm between the elbow and wrist, besides other bruises. Mrs. Beaven, it is feared, sustained internal injuries but the attending physician says he cannot pronounce on the lady's condition as to-day.

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AMONG THE NEWSPAPERS.

The Lipton (W. T.) *Courier* publishes a neat calendar as a New Year's advertisement.

A Cole announces his assuming charge of the Corvallis *Gazette* in the issue of January 1.

The Harrington (W. T.) *Journal* now appears at Sprague as a weekly instead of a semi-weekly.

The knights of Labor of Seattle are about to publish a weekly newspaper, devoted to the interests of their order.

M. F. Elliott has started another paper (the 15th, it is said), in Goldendale. It bears the characteristic earmarks of that certain unexpansive variety.

The Seattle *Post Intelligencer* issued an eight-page, and the Tacoma *Ledger* a sixteen-page paper on New Year's day, each containing a summary of the year's business and events.

COMMERCIAL.

STATISTICS

Trade circles wear a quiet front to-day, but the business be ng done is quite profitable and active, especially from San Francisco where changes and any wholesale houses are closed for the day.

Leading eastern wholesale houses in Detroit, Chicago and Milwaukee are generally closing out sales in all of their contracts because of the distrust touching the silver question.

Members of the New York produce exchange celebrated the close of the year by an entertainment Thursday afternoon at their building. The entertainment consisted of fancy and comic recitations by Joseph Jefferson, Mr. Florence and others.

A committee of twenty-four gentlemen of business men of New York have been formed for the purpose of securing the necessary legislation by congress for the improving the channel of New York harbor.

In speaking of the next crop of Brazilian coffee recent advices say: The ground is reported in admirable condition, and should the present favorable weather continue for a month longer the crop will be an abundant one. Should, however, the rains fail to appear, the trees will suffer, and though early in April it is not any matter for great anxiety, yet after that time a failure of rain would be very serious. The present crop is estimated at 6,000,000 bags, of which 4,000,000 bags are for the United States.

The Bradstreet report for December shows that 7½ inches of rain fell during 11 days of the month. For the same month of 1884 the fall was 10 inches in 13 days. The ground is made up of snow 18 inches deep. The last rain was 2¼ inches, and on December 18th only 3 inches. It is thought that during the night of the 25th there was a heavy fall of snow. All are busy—John C. Ruck, of the Willow Springs district, informs us that several important quartz discoveries have been made recently in that section—Kenton & Skippel, of Poorman's creek, have an abundant supply of water and commenced working day and night this week, two shifts.

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FARM FIELD AND STOCK NOTES

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